

If the air were not so relaxing
I should like to linger here - In any
case we shall not move until we
receive Mr Gray's good advice

Always truly yours

John Bull

Cataract House Niagara falls NY

30 Sept

My dear Gray - I am very sorry that
you sh^d have had the trouble of telegraphing
about the letter at the P. Off. here - It is
true that I had not thought of enquiring
there - I return with many thanks
Hooker's letter - His letter to me written
two days earlier shows that for
Bentham it was really a release.
He had been for two months in bed
ceasing to take the slightest interest
in any thing rarely speaking even
in a monosyllable & unwilling to open
his eyes when H. went to see him
His account of Harriet is decidedly
better but I fear that Dyer is much
out of health - He ought to get away
for six months but I know how
difficult that is
We are remaining here where we find
constant interest - a good hotel &
a quiet time together - while it

appears that most if not all the
hill & mountain hotels are closed
or on the eve of closing - we had
nearly settled to start this morning
for the White Mountains, in the
belief that the Fabian House was
kept open - I took the precaution
of telegraphing an inquiry on that point
yesterday & find that it is about
to be closed - My wife has written
to Mrs Gray to know whether she can
suggest any place ^{within reach of Boston} combining creature
comforts & a sight of the forest in
its autumn colouring - Of that
there is very little here certainly not
more than we generally have in
Europe - Even Lake George as we
are assured closes on 1st Oct.

I suppose that you have received
the trunk full of plants that I

forwarded from Saratoga to
Cambridge on 5th September, the
same day we went to Philadelphia
but in case of delay I enclose the
paper which I received at Saratoga
I paid the charge for carriage but
I dare say there may have been
some further charge to add to the
numerous items of my debt to you

I have found few plants in
flower here but several in fruit
which I had not seen - e.g. a
Hypericum suffruticosum doubtless
Kalmianum - but strangely no
acorus - Something has gone wrong
with all the oaks this year -
The tail of the cyclone which as the
newspapers announce passed over
Lake Huron reached us here on
Sunday evening & night - Shook
our windows & doors but did
no damage